★Incentives and Rewards ★

Tasty Bites-Serve samples of new foods being offered in the cafeteria. Let students vote on samples to see which foods stay and which foods go!

Stickers-Younger children still love stickers. Find some really fun ones, the bigger the better! They are especially good for wearing!

Giveaways-During National Nutrition Month, have one day a week be a "giveaway" day. All students participating in school lunch on that day is entered into a drawing for T-shirts, water bottles, fanny packs, and magnets.

Books and Bookmarks-Think about tying in with other school events-such as reading. Prizes such as books or bookmarks will reinforce another education message: reading is important. And it will connect school foodservice with education!

Contests-Have a contest between grades to see which grade can have the most students participating in school lunch during a given month.

Handouts-Offer students word searches, crossword puzzles, and other fun games related to nutrition and school lunch on a weekly basis. Have handouts available in the cafeteria, as well as, in the classroom.

School Menus-Ask students to create pictures about nutrition and the school lunch program. Pick the best pictures and incorporate them into the school lunch menu. Include the artist's names and grades.

Cookbooks-Have every student bring in his or her favorite recipe. Pick a few from each grade and make a school cookbook. Distribute copies to students.

Lucky Tray Day-Randomly select trays and place a sticker on the bottom. The students who receive a tray with a sticker on the bottom receive a prize.